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In the House of Representatives

Mr. _____ submitted the following concurrent resolution

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) that there is established a Joint Committee on Intelligence (hereafter, in this concurrent resolution, referred to as the Joint Committee) to be composed of seven Members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and seven Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Not more than four members from either the House or the Senate shall be members of the same political party. Of the seven members to be appointed by the House of Representatives, two shall be members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and two shall be members of the Committee on Armed Services. Of the seven members to be appointed by the Senate, two shall be members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and two shall be members of the Committee on Armed Services.

Sec. 2. (a) The Joint Committee shall make continuing studies of the intelligence activities and problems relating to the gathering of intelligence affecting the national security and of its coordination and utilization by the various departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government. The Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the

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Department of State, Army Intelligence, Navy Intelligence, Air Force Intelligence, and other services engaged in foreign intelligence activities shall keep the Joint Committee fully and currently informed with respect to their activities. The Joint Committee shall seek to eliminate unnecessary competition and duplication of effort by the services engaged in foreign intelligence activities.

(b) All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the Senate or House of Representatives relating primarily to the agencies referred to in subsection (a) and to any other agency engaged in foreign intelligence activities shall be referred to the Joint Committee.

(c) The Joint Committee shall seek to insure that covert action programs are as few as necessary to guarantee the national security and that such programs are not inconsistent with publicly expressed national policy.

(d) The Joint Committee shall make continuing investigations and studies, and shall make recommendations, with respect to the practices and methods used in the intelligence services to classify information.

(e) Two members of the Joint Committee, one a member of the House and the other a member of the Senate, shall be appointed by the chairman to serve, at the invitation of the President, as representatives to, and non-voting members of, the United States Intelligence Board.

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(f) The members of the Joint Committee who are Members of the Senate shall from time to time report to the Senate, and the members of the Joint Committee who are Members of the House of Representatives shall from time to time report to the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommendations with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their respective Houses which are (1) referred to the Joint Committee or (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Joint Committee.

Sec. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the Joint Committee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of the Joint Committee, and shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original selection. The Joint Committee shall select a chairman and vice chairman from among its members.

Sec. 4. The Joint Committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit and act at such places and times, to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable.

Sec. 5. The Joint Committee is empowered to appoint such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable. The committee is authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the departments and establishments of the Government

on a reimbursable basis with the prior consent of the heads of the departments or agencies concerned.

Sec. 6. The expenses of the Joint Committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon vouchers signed by the chairman.

Sec. 7. The Joint Committee shall take special care to safeguard information affecting the national security.